	(in lakh bales of Qnty. 170 kgs each)
Supply	
Opening stock	30.74
Crop	135.00 (+1.00)
Import	0.50
	166.24 (+1.00)
Demand	
Mill Consumption	117.00
Non-Mill Consumption	8.00
Small Spinners consumption	3.50
Export	5.695
	134.195
Balance	32.04 (+1.00)

Reports have been received recently of a pest attack in the northern belt. The likely extent of demage on the crop is yet to be assessed by the CAB. The purchases by CCI this year (upto the end of November) as well as during the corresponding period in 1992-93 have been as follows :

(lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

1993-94	1992-93
1.52	0.45

(c) 5 lakh bales of cotton have been released for exports this year so far.

(d) For stabilishing the prices of cotton in the domestic market the Government has been constantly monitoring the prices. The endeavour has been to ensure a fairly higher price than the minimum support prices for the growers and also to ensure that the same prices were reasonable for the industry also so that the industry would continue to supply yarn to powerloom and handloom sectors at a reasonable price. Release of quota from time to time and the market intervention at commercial rates whenever warranted are the mechanisms by which the above purposes are achieved.

REPORT OF EXPORT COMMITTEE ON NTC

2696. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the report of expert Committee set up by Government to explore the revival and modernisation of ailing textile mills under NTC management;

(b) if so, whether the same has been examined by Government;

(c) whether Government propose to accept the report for further action; and

(d) if so, whether Government also propose to defer accepting the report till the implications are discussed by the Special Committee on NTC thereby pro-

viding an opportunity to the affected workers to be heard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise

OBJECTIONS OF UNIONS ON REPORT OF EXPORT COMMITTEE ON NTC

2697. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the report of Expert Committee on National Textile Corporation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the workers union have opposed the report;

(c) what are the objections expressed by the unions; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The Sub-Committee of the Special Committee on NTC mills has not yet submitted its report.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

SHOWROOMS RUN BY NTC

2698. SMT. SATYA BAHIN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the reservation policy is being followed in the National Textile Corporation; if so, whether the reservation quota has been fulfilled and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the State-wise number of showrooms being run by the National Textile Corporation;

(c) what is the number of such showrooms in the state of Uttar Pradesh, whether showrooms have been opened in all the districts of the state;

(d) whether Government propose to open showrooms in the districts where showrooms have not yet been provided; and

(e) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, there is a slight backlog in reservation quota due to negligible recruitment made in NTC during the last 10 years.

(b) A statement indicating the State-wise bread-up of 407 showrooms of NTC as on September, 1993 is attached (*See* below);

(c) 57 Showrooms have been opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Showrooms have not been opened in all the districts in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.